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THE 2005 SUA PROTOCOLS

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[1](#)1. (SBU) According to Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) Office of UN and International Organizations (UNIO) Director Gary Domingo, the DFA is still awaiting inputs from other Philippine government agencies -- notably, the Departments of Justice and of Transportation and Communications -- on the new protocols to the UN Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against the Safety of Maritime Navigation (SUA) (ref a). Once these views were in hand, Domingo said the DFA would convene an inter-agency board at the end of May or early June to reconcile any differences and recommend next steps toward signing and ratification.

[1](#)2. (SBU) Separately on May 2, UNIO Executive Director MacArthur Corsino told Pol/C that the Philippines in principle continued strongly to support the SUA and predicted that the GRP would eventually sign the 2005 protocols.

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